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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re App : Lakjaya Buluwela et al : October 24, 2006

S.N. : 10/019,520 : Art Unit 1635

Filed : June 10, 2002 : Examiner Jane J. Zara

For : CONTROL OF GENE EXPRESSION

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner for a three-month extension of time to respond to a Final Office Action mailed April 28, 2006 and an Advisory Action mailed August 7, 2006 in the above-captioned patent application. A Supplemental Amendment is attached.

A check in the amount of \$1810.00 is enclosed for the cost of the three-month extension fee and the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required by this paper and any additional fees under $37\ \text{CFR}$ 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 08-1265.

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